

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered at least because they raise no new issue requiring further search and consideration. The amended claims raise no new issues because they were discussed with Examiner Kornakov as described below.

Claims 2 and 4 are currently being amended. Claims 8-13 are being cancelled.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-6 are now pending in this application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant appreciates the telephone interview with Examiner Kornakov on November 9, 2004. Examiner Kornakov indicated that claims 3 and 5 were allowable without amendment. Examiner Kornakov also indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if amended to include the propagation control apparatus limitation of claim 4, and that claim 4 would be allowable if amended to include the rotary mechanism limitation of claim 3. Examiner Kornakov also request the cancellation of the withdrawn claims. Applicants have amended claims 2 and 4 as suggested by Examiner Kornakov and cancelled the withdrawn claims. Thus, claims 2 and 4 are in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Claim 6 depends from claim 4 and is likewise in *prima facie* condition for allowance

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0013355 to Busnaina. Claims 4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 05-206095. These rejections are moot in light of the amendment to claims 2 and 4 (claim 6 depends from claim 4) to include subject matter indicated as allowable by Examiner Kornakov.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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